

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2000-14th STREET, N.W., SUITE 420
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
(202) 671-0550

IN THE MATTER OF)	DATE: October 3, 2003
)	
Denise Snyder)	DOCKET NO.: 03F-123
Member)	
Commission on Violence Against Women)	
6104 - 13 th Street, NW)	
Washington, DC 20011)	

ORDER

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereinafter OCF) Office of General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information Records Management Division, that pursuant to the D.C. Code §1-1106.02 (2001 Edition), Denise Snyder, Member, Commission on Violence Against Women, failed to timely file, a Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2002, on or before May 15, 2003 as required by D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02 and also failed to file on or before the OCF sanctioned extended filing deadline of June 19, 2003.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated August 8, 2003, OCF ordered Denise Snyder (hereinafter respondent), to appear at a scheduled hearing on August 21, 2003 and show cause why she should not be found in violation of the D.C. Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act of 1974, as amended by D.C. Official Code §§1-1101.01 et seq., and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

OCF alleges that the respondent failed to timely file the statutorily required Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2002, on or before June 19, 2003.

On August 21, 2003, OCF received a written statement from respondent stating she received a Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance (Notice) from OCF when she returned from vacation on August 18, 2003. Respondent asserted she mailed the required report to OCF in early June, but did not keep a copy of the document. Respondent further asserted she would not be able to appear for the hearing, but references a statement in the Notice that her notarized response will suffice. OCF received a fully executed FDS from respondent on August 21, 2003.

Findings of Fact

Having reviewed the allegations and the record herein, I find:

1. Respondent was a delinquent filer in calendar year 2001.
2. Respondent was required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement with OCF for calendar year 2002, on or before June 19, 2003.
3. Respondent asserted she mailed the required Financial Disclosure Statement to OCF in early June 2003, but did not retain a copy of the report.
4. Respondent re-filed an FDS with OCF on August 21, 2003.
5. Respondent provided an unreasonable explanation for the filing delinquency, in view of her filing history, in that she asserts she mailed an original FDS to OCF in early June 2003, but did not retain a copy of the report.
6. Respondent is currently in compliance with the statute.

Conclusions of Law

Based upon the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. Respondent violated D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02.
2. The penalty established at D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), and 3DCMR §§3711.2(aa), 3711.2 and 3711.4 for failure to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement required by D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02 is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), the respondent may be fined a maximum of \$2,000.00 for failing to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.6, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.

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Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I hereby recommend that the Director impose a fine of \$500.00 in this matter.

Date

Jean Scott Diggs
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

Date

Kathy S. Williams
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that a fine of \$500.00 be hereby imposed in this matter.

Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

SERVICE OF ORDER

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order.

Rose Rice
Legal Assistant

NOTICE

Pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.5 (1999), any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16th day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days of the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, Suite 420, 2000-14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.